

ALEX SHIVERING IN THE DRAFT, WEEGHMAN MAY CUT

PITCHER WAS EXPECTED TO ADD MANY VICTORIES TO CUBS' TOTAL—MUST REPORT 30 DAYS BEFORE SEASON BEGINS OR DEAL IS OFF

William F. Baker, president of the Phila. handed out the announcement in New York that Alexander and Killefer had been sold to the Cubs...

At any rate, it proves that our former pitcher is in line for service in the big game and may be a dead loss to the Cubs...

AT THAT it would be a tough break for Weeghman if he lost his star twirler before he had a chance to use him.

Baker is likely to lose some of the purchase money that will happen to the big deal and the \$50,000 said to have been paid for Alex and Killefer still is a mystery.

What will happen if Alexander is caught in the draft? The Cub boss is asked.

That is the conversation as we remember it, and it showed that some part of an agreement was made to guard against the loss of the premier pitcher.

There was another angle in the story from Omaha. Alex intimated that he didn't care to play baseball this year because he was not treated properly.

Baseball Slipping? Not on Your Life, Says De Wolf Hopper

De Wolf Hopper has been interested in reading accounts of how the grand old game of baseball is about to slip from public favor this year.

For example, suppose Ty Cobb came to bat in the ninth inning with the bases full and cracked out a homer which won the game.

De Oro's Victory in Havana Now Is Being Questioned

There is a sweet little scandal on the tropical isle of Cuba, and the natives of Havana are handing out what is commonly called the "rawns" to the world's champion three-cushion billiard player.

Everybody in Havana turned out to get a look at the 150-point match. Secretary of State or something was the referee and the President of the island occupied a prominent seat at each game.

THE Cubans are wise, but no one tried to wrap a cue around Charley's head. They were highly indignant, however, and heeded that they had been buncoed.

League Moguls Will Confer With Government

The knottiest little war parleys ever held outside of Berlin were to take place in Washington next Monday, when representatives of the two major baseball leagues get their ears closest to the government.

It is in question for the direct purpose of securing data on the level and that he would not enter the National League, states that an additional hand—than the railroad difficulties will be of the city.

MOVIE OF A MAN SINGING POPULAR SONGS



HARRY FRANCKLE TO PLAY TONIGHT AND MASHIE IN THE WHIRLWIND OF CAMP MILITARY ACTIVITIES

Former Trenton Star and Jackie Adams in American League Contests.

AT TRAYMORE HALL

Two more Eastern League cage stars are expected to make their initial appearance tonight in the American League games at Traymore Hall.

Last week Port Richmond announced that it had secured the "John Hancock" of Jackie Adams, the star forward and captain of the Camden club.

The game between Hancock and B. B. I. should be a thriller. If Lew Sugarman, Newman and Franckle are in the Beth Israel line-up there will be seven former Eastern League players on the floor.

Hancock is in second place, but must win this contest to remain near the league leaders, St. Columbia, B. B. I. has lost his last game and his followers are hoping for the best.

More French Spirit

The spirit of France seems to be imbedded in the ball-playing soul of Nap Lajoie, the eminent Frenchman.

Connie Mack to Pilot Boston, Is New Rumor

Despite Denials, Athletics' Manager Is Said to Be Slated for New Job

A persistent rumor that Connie Mack will soon become manager of the Boston Red Sox gained strength in baseball circles here today.

Levinsky and Brennan Box Draw; Called Fake

Boxers Showered With Lemons When They Wrestle Through Twelve Rounds in Boston

BOSTON, Jan. 14. BECAUSE Bill Brennan, of Chicago, refused to box unless a draw decision was declared in his bout with Battling Levinsky tonight, the contest ended a draw, with both men on their feet at the end of twelve rounds.

Amateur Notes

The Peers Zion fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh class basketball teams would like to arrange games with teams in or out of town.

Holy Name C. C. wishes to arrange games with first and second class basketball teams having balls, preferring St. Rita and Christ Church.

St. Paul A. C. wishes games with second and third class basketball teams at home.

The Pennsland A. A. wants basketball games with third class teams.

OPEN SWIMMING SEASON SATURDAY

Mercersburg to Compete in Meet With Natators of Johns Hopkins

SOUTH PHILA. VS. TRADES

Scholastic Games Today

South Philadelphia vs. Trades at West Philadelphia High.

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By PAUL PREP

Mercersburg Academy will open its swimming season next Saturday with the natators of the Johns Hopkins University as its opponents.

Coach Wood, who is a former national Y. M. C. A. champion, has selected the following to represent the Blue and White in the water: Captain Phillips, Swearer, Webb, Traylor, Monroe, Hall, Trepel, Capel and Eugene Day.

North and West Philadelphia continued to play unbeatable ball in their Public High School basketball contests yesterday.

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BIG OFFERS FAIL TO DAZZLE WILLARD—IF THERE IS FIGHT HE WILL BE HIS OWN PROMOTER

Champion Jess Ready to Battle Any Logical Contender, but He'll Manage Affair if Red Cross Rejects Offer

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

JESS WILLARD'S offer to box for the Red Cross evidently has been thrown into the discard, for we have heard nothing about it for a week or more.

The big champion made his little speech, contended selected by the proper authorities and every cent of the proceeds would be turned over to the war fund.

Fulton was the man to contest his title, he believed, but Fred has not been anxious to sign up nor has the Red Cross received Willard's offer with enthusiasm.

In fact, conditions are about the same as before anything was said. However, several promoters have hurried into the public prints with huge purses as an offering for the match, but these impresarios have not passed the conventional stage.

They SAY they will give Willard three times as much as he has been offered for himself if he will meet Fulton in a fifty or sixty round battle, get their names in the paper and wait for development. It's a great life if you don't weaken.

Wellman Out With Offer

The latest blurb comes from N. Yark, where Mr. William Wellman holds forth. Willard has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day bike events, and now has the pugilistic bug.

He says he will give Willard \$75,000 if he meets Fulton in Reno or Carson City, Nev., on July 4 in a forty-five-round battle.

Nothing is mentioned about the Red Cross, so we must assume that the worthy charity must struggle along without any aid from the championship fight.

However, it is safe to say that an outsider will not cut in on the profits of the show if Willard decides to take part of the gate receipts for his services.

If the battle is fought "for keeps" none other than big Jess himself will be the man behind. Willard, you know, is a showman. He has a big show, has studied every angle of the game for the past two years, and is capable of doing his own business.

Furthermore, he is too much of an outsider to grab off a pile of dough. He has the inside track on the other promoters because all he has to do is to do business with himself.

Willard Likes Florida Site

A couple of months ago Willard took his circus to Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter. He loitered around in the city for a couple of weeks, and conceived the idea of staging a championship battle in that section of the country.

He was to be the principal attraction of the show. My boy is not put on there, and I have the ground for the erection of a big stadium.

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I don't want to make any money out of the affair, and if Willard cares to accept my aid he is perfectly welcome. Although a small town, Leipsville would be an ideal spot to stage a championship bout.

Johnny Burns Pays Visit

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I have \$500 to post as a forfeit to bind a match between Lewis and Herman at 118 pounds ring-side, orates Johnny. "Gusie is entitled to a chance at the champion because of his work in the four-round bout with Pete in the Smokey Fund show. My boy is one of the best bantams in the country, and if I will keep after Herman until he consents to a match."

Johnny has arranged another bantam show at the Cambria for next Friday night. In the wind-up, Bud Murray will look up with Young McGovern, the pride of Port Richmond.

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Notes of the Bowlers

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Commercial and station 8 of the Philadelphia Electric League, are still battling for first honors, both teams tying for first place on Mulford.

Saville, of North, and Helm, of Rednor Fire Company, were the only two bowlers to close for a double score last week.

At the end of the twelfth week we find Overbrook white team, the Interclub hockey tournament, leading with a percentage of 75 to 100, and Overbrook green are tied for second place.

A record-breaking number of contestants are looked for in the coming winter bowling tournament to be held in this city during February and March.

PENN RUNNERS HONOR LANDERS

Pole Vault Champion First Sophomore Ever to Captain Track Team

The Pennsylvania track squad added another feature to Red and Blue athletic history yesterday when it elected Sherman Landers, of Chicago, captain of the club.

Landers is the first sophomore ever to be chosen captain of a Quaker major sport team and also the first man to lead a team without previously winning the coveted varsity letter.

Last spring, after the season was closed, the runners elected Howard Berry to the captaincy for 1915. Berry, however, failed to win the letter in the football season. When candidates were called out for the indoor season a fortnight ago, not one letter man from last year reported.

Brooks and Levering were the only ones who were even members of the squad a year ago.

Landers was the logical man for the position and the runners did not allow differences in class rating to interfere. The Chicagoan is considered the best pole vaulter in collegiate ranks and is the favorite for the title in the outdoor track games.

Landers entered Wharton School at Penn in the fall of 1914. Last winter he competed in many indoor meets and in the spring vaulted for the freshmen. However, he never has competed as a member of a varsity team at the Quaker University.

Medalist a Winner

Follet Victor in Advertising Golf Tourney at Pinehurst

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 16.—The Advertiser played one round of golf at Pinehurst today. It was followed by the lead of the Western Golf Association and abolished styles in all match play rounds through the tournament.

The favorites, Dutton, L. A. Hamilton, Purves and Follet, all won their matches by good margins. The only favorite to suffer defeat was Marshall Whitlatch, who was defeated by E. H. Peterson. Barber won the play-off of yesterday's tie for net score with an 85.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Last Night's Ring Bout

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (ten rounds)—Marr Cross outfought and outlasted Young Peterson.

BOSTON, Mass. (twelve rounds)—Nightingale Levisky made a draw with R. O. Hill.

NEW YORK (ten rounds)—Joe Wallace easily outpointed Shamus O'Brien, George Tunney stopped Harry Weir in second and Johnny Larkin in first.

A purse of \$75,000 would not be considered by Willard. He knows how much he can draw in a match for the title and he can't see any of the outside promoters. Jess believes that Fred Fulton is not anxious to do any fighting, but desires to spend all of his time in challenging for the title.

When Matt Hinkle offered to underwrite the show for \$1,000,000, provided the government would raise the ban on moving pictures and the authorities of New York or Philadelphia would allow the show for \$1,000,000, provided the promoter gained some idea of the drawing power of the match.

Another promoter who has had some experience is Jimmy Dougherty, the Baron of Leipsville. Jimmy financed the big Kilbane-Leonard bout at Shibe Park last summer, putting up \$20,000 in real money to bind the match.

The baron believes Willard and Fulton will draw a lot of money and is willing to help make the affair a success.

I will not come out with offers of big purses which will not be accepted, he said. "But if Willard is looking for a place to stage the bout I would like to have him stay here at Leipsville. A fifteen-round battle could be put on there, and I have the ground for the erection of a big stadium.

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